REVIEW.

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T is impossible for a Man that has any Concern upon his Mind for Humane Nature in general, or his Fellow Creatures in particular, to sit still and say nothing on such an Occasion as y lies before us——and therefore I must be allowed and then a Digression from Discourses of Trade uch Cases as these.

The *Northern War* is the present Subject I am upon: *it not* a War entirely carried on among Protets; *Was it not* a War to the Dishonour of the y Name of Protestant; *Was it not* begun in a nner that no Protestants ever used to begin their r; *Was it not* carried on as no War since the Ages hristianity in the World was ever carried on; *Was* t a War that Threatned *Europe* with such Caities as it never in these last Centuries felt before, *uld have held my Peace.*

ut we must be all stupid, if we are not alarm'd he Extremities Things are now come to, and the se Extremities they seem to tend to in these thern Parts of *Europe*, as if Humanity was baed from the World, and Men were turn'd Ravens Beasts, Monsters and Devils.

shall not make this Paper take any side among m, but impartially give you a brief View of the rid Scene; What the Wise Ends of Providence be, in thus letting loose the Passions of Men, suffering them to run on to such Rage, Fury, Inexorable Barbarity, as no Christian can read hout Horror; and, as I confess Chills my very od when I write it, *is not for me, nor any Body to determine*: But sure, such a way of maWar as this is, was scarce ever practised among *Turks*, *Tartars*, and Infidels, much less amongst ristians, least of all among Protestants.

low the War began; what just Provocations the *des* had to take up Arms; How their King was aded in his Infancy by the King of *Poland* and *Muscovite*, without any Declaration of War; w the *Danes* twice in that most Dishonourable Unjust manner fell upon them, for no other son but because they (the *Swedes*) were emass'd with other Enemies.—— These things are wn to the World, and long before it happen'd, ld the *Danes*, in this Paper, they should not pen: Nay, God himself has eminently appeared to disapprove those unjust Attempts, by punishing both the *Muscovite* the *Poles*, and the *Danes*, with the frequent Destruction of their Country, and Overthrow of their Armies, as at *Narva*, at *Cracow*, at *Riga*, in *Schonen*, and in *Mecklenburg*.

For sometime these Wars, *how Unjustly soever begun*, were carried on with the usual Forms, and the Principles of Generosity to the miserable, influenced them on both sides, as they do other People. The King of *Sweden*, at the Battle of *Narva*, when he Overthrew 120000 *Muscovites* with 22000 *Swedes*, suffered the Poor miserable Common Soldiers, 40000 of whom *threw down their Arms*, to go Home into their own Country, and did not so much as make them Prisoners of War: His *Swedish* Majesty, *who, without doubt, was the Person Injured*, seem'd at that time to have the Hand of Heaven eminently with him in every thing: He had by the Interposition of the *English* and *Dutch*, forc'd the *Danes* to abandon their Allies, and make Peace; he drove the *Muscovites* home without his Army, he beat the King of *Poland* from *Riga*, and out of *Livonia*, he beat him out of *Poland*, and, at last, out of his own Dominions in *Saxony*, where he made him to renounce the Crown of *Poland*, and submit to all the low Steps the Conqueror thought fit; even to the Caressing King *Stanislaus*, his Rival, and stiling him King and Brother, under his own Hand, and *which was worst of all*, to the delivering up of Count *Patkull*, to his inexorable Sovereign the King of *Sweden*.

Here the King of *Sw . . . . n* shew'd a Part of Severity *as fame calls it*; I must call it dreadful Cruelty, such as I cannot find an Instance of the like, among Christians, much less among Protestants, in all that I have read in the World, (*viz.*) in causing a Man of Quality, a Man of Honour, an Ambassador, *for such he was to King* Augustus, a Soldier, and a General Officer, in spite of the Intercession, nay, the Entreaties of King *Augustus* himself, to be broken alive upon the Wheel;——How from this very Action all the King of *S . . . n*'s Good Fortune, *as we call it*, forsook him, *or to speak more Christianly*, how the Blessing left him, in almost every Action of Moment that he has gone about; all this I have noted already, and may say more to it in its Place; but

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my Observations now are of another kind, (*viz.*) That *from this time*, and grounded upon this Action, the Animosities on both sides grew so great, that the War threatned a general ruine of Mankind where-ever it was to come; and the two great Enemies, the *Swede* and the *Czar*, for the *Pole* was reduced, and the *Dane* bound to his good Behaviour; I say, these two declar'd what I may call a Butchery, not a War; The *Czar* published that he would from that time, give the *Swedes* no Quarter; and, the King of *Sweden* declared, he would take no Prisoners.

It is true, that the *German* Officers in the *Czar's* Army, did bring him to be better than his Word; and as the *Muscovites* overthrew the *Swedes* twice, after that, (*viz.*) Count *Lewenhaupt* once, and then the King of *Sweden* himself; they took great Numbers of Prisoners. and at the last Battle the *Czar* used the *Swedish* Prisoners very honourably; but this was a particular Occasion, for the rest of the War has been, ever since, carried on by both sides, but especially by the *Muscovites*, with inexpressible Barbarities, and inhumane Doings where-ever they came. ——Take a few Examples on both sides;

1. The *Swedes* in their March out of *Saxony*, laid Wast the Frontiers of the *Czars* Dominions, and the Rich Country of *Ukrania* where, *as the others complain*, unsufferable Cruelties and Ravages were exercised by the *Cossacks*, who went over to the *Swedish* Army.

I have seen a terrible Letter from a *Saxon* General, who complained of the most Inhumane Usage of the Prisoners of War taken in *Elbing*, when it surrendred to the *Swedes*, who were carried to *Sweden*, and suffered to be Frozen to Death with Cold, or starved to Death with Hunger.

On the other hand, the Ravages of the *Muscovits* in the fruitful Country of *Livonia*, at the taking the Cities of *Dorpt*, *Revel*, and *Riga*; and also, in *Ingria*, and *Finland*, after the taking of *Wybourg*, are not to be expressed.

The *Burnings of Towns.*
Wasting the Country.
Ravishing, *Torturing*, *Murthering*, } The Innocent Country People, after having rifled them of all their Goods.

These things, indeed, have been so dreadful that it creates a Horror in the Mind, but to think of them.

Another Practice, which the *Swedes* most justly complain of, is, what I never heard, that any Christian Nation practised in the World, and that I may say it is so still, his *Czarish* Majesty must excuse me if till that Practice is either disown'd or discontinued by him, I shall, *in my Account*, allow his Subjects to be called *Muscovites*, but not Christians; Nor shall I even till then, reckon him among the Number of Christian Princes, let him call himself what he pleases.

The Practice I complain of, is, The taking the Innocent Inhabitants of his Enemies Country away Captive, and selling them for Slaves to the *Turks*. This, *I say*, no Christian Nation does practise, nor can any Christian think of it without Horror; and this, as the *Swedes* affirm, he has suffered his People to do, and a Hundred thousand Poor People, Men, Women, and Children, have been thus carried away out of the Three Provinces only, of *Livonia*. *Ingria*, and *Finland*, within these eight Years past, who are now in miserable Capacity among the *Turks* sold thither by the *Muscovites* to perpetual Bondage.

This Cruelty, and these dreadful Ravages, were the Wonder and Astonishment of that part of the World, at that time, because the King of *Sweden* was, even then, Victorious over the *Muscovite* in other Parts; and while he push'd at the Ruin of the *Czar*, and at breaking into the *Russian* Empire, he suffered his own Subjects to be over-run, left them Defenceless, and let the most Delicious Province *Livonia*, the finest Country, in that part of the World, be Ravaged in the dreadful manner we have been speaking of; this I have, formerly, spoken of very freely, even when it was doing.

How this Protestant War has been carried on since the Disaster of the King of *Sweden* at *Pultowa*, by what Madness and Follies all the Parties, in the War have ruined their Affairs, in what Bloody and Furious manner they are carrying on the same Quarrel now in *Pomeren*, and in *Holstein*, and in what manner it is like to be carried on the Year coming all this shall be the Subject of my next.

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